

## DARK REFLECTIONS

by Samuel R. Delany

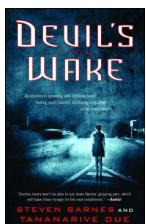
Follows the life of a gay African-American poet from New York, in a tale told in reverse that follows his receipt of a literary prize in his fifties, his ill-fated marriage to an emotionally disturbed woman, and

his first sexual experience in college.

## GINGERBREAD

by Helen Oyeyemi

Draws on the classic fairy-tale element of gingerbread in the story of a British family whose surprising legacy and secret past are tied to a favorite recipe.



## DEVIL'S WAKE

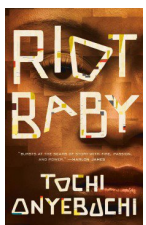
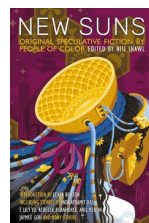
by Steven Barnes

When an infection sweeps across the world, bringing mindless biting attacks that leave victims changed, humanity must fight for control against a sinister alien life-form.

## NEW SUNS : ORIGINAL SPECULATIVE FICTION BY PEOPLE OF COLOR

by Nisi Shawl

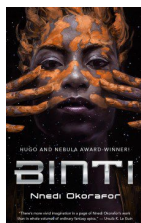
A collection of tales of speculative fiction by non-white authors includes contributions by such authors as Steven Barnes, Rebecca Roanhorse, Anil Menon, and Chinelo Onwualu.



## RIOT BABY

by Tochi Onyebuchi

Siblings Ella and Kev are gifted with extraordinary power. Their childhoods are defined by structural racism and brutality. Their futures might alter the world.



## BINTI

by Nnedi Okorafor

When Binti is offered a place at Oomza University, the finest institution of higher learning in the galaxy, she must rely on the gifts of her people and the wisdom found within the school.

## GHOST SUMMER : STORIES

by Tananarive Due

A collection of stories takes readers to Gracetown, a small Florida town that has both literal and figurative ghosts.



## SONG OF BLOOD & STONE

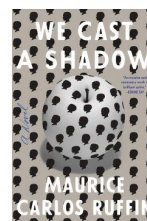
by L. Penelope

Enduring life as an outcast from a homeland where her Earthsong talents are feared, orphan Jasmina helps care for an injured spy, Jack, who enlists her help in protecting the protective mantle around two nations that are preparing for war.

## WE CAST A SHADOW

by Maurice Carlos Ruffin

In a near-future South where a number of people with dark skin endure cosmetic procedures to pass as white, a father embarks on a quest to protect his son, who bears a dark, spreading birthmark.



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# Wonder and Awe

## SPECULATIVE FICTION BY BLACK AUTHORS



## THE GALAXY Game

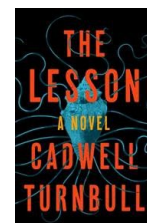
by Karen Lord

A student at a school for psychic super-humans travels the universe with an intergalactic team and encounters strange alien cultures that help him discover himself.

## QUEEN OF THE CONQUERED

by Kacen Callender

The only surviving daughter of a noble lineage on the islands of Hand Lollik must use her mind reading ability to manipulate her way into the ranks of the island's ruling colonizers.



## THE LESSON

by Cadwell Turnbull

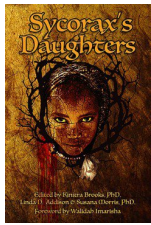
The people of the US Virgin Islands coexist with the Ynaa, a race of super-advanced aliens on a research mission they will not fully disclose, until the death of a young boy plunges three families into a conflict that will impact everyone.

## THE RECORD KEEPER

by Agnes Gomillion

After World War III, Earth is in ruins and the final armies have come to a reluctant truce. Everyone must obey the law or risk shattering the fragile peace. Everything changes when a new student spews dangerous words of treason: What does peace matter if innocent lives are lost to maintain it?





## SYCORAX'S DAUGHTERS

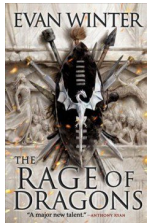
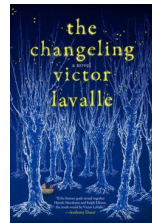
by Ph.D. Brooks, Kinitra D.

An anthology of stories and poems written by African-American women covers both the supernatural and the unexpected price paid by women struggling for freedom and validation.

## THE CHANGELING

by Victor D. LaValle

Resolving to commit to marriage and parenthood, Apollo is shocked when his wife commits an act of violence and vanishes, compelling Apollo's odyssey through a world he barely understands.



## THE RAGE OF DRAGONS

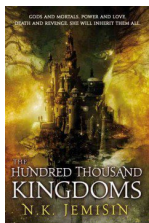
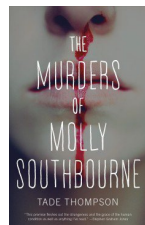
by Evan Winter

Born without talents in a world dominated by dragon-summoning women, young Tau survives murderous attacks on his loved ones before resolving to become society's greatest swordsman.

## THE MURDERS OF MOLLY SOUTHBOURNE

by Tade Thompson

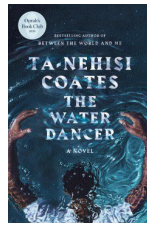
Whenever Molly bleeds, an identical Molly is born who is intent on her destruction, forcing Molly to find a way to stop the tide of blood.



## THE HUNDRED THOUSAND KINGDOMS

by N. K. Jemisin

After Yeine Darr is named an heiress to the king, she is thrust into a vicious power struggle with family, and draws ever closer to the secrets of her mother's death.



## THE WATER DANCER

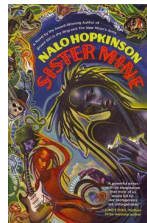
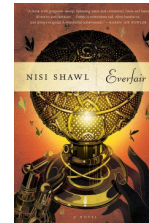
by Ta-Nehisi Coates

A Virginia slave narrowly escapes a drowning death through the intervention of a mysterious force that compels his escape and his underground war against slavery.

## EVERFAIR

by Nisi Shawl

A alternate-history that explores what might have come of Belgium's disastrous colonization of the Congo if the native populations had learned about steam technology a bit earlier.



## SISTER MINE

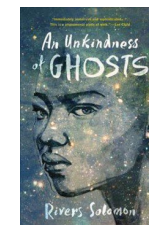
by Nalo Hopkinson

Possessing no magic but a beautiful singing voice, Makeda leaves her formerly co-joined sister to set out on her own, but must reconcile with her sibling after their father goes missing.

## AN UNKINDNESS OF GHOSTS

by Rivers Solomon

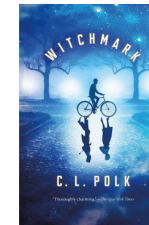
In the lowerdeck of a space vessel run like the antebellum South, Aster faces harsh restrictions and punishments from brutal overseers, but the seeds of civil war hold the key to her freedom.



## THE PREY OF GODS

by Nicky Drayden

In a futuristic South Africa, an unconventional Zulu girl defends her community against an artificial intelligence uprising and a murderous demigoddess.



## WITCHMARK

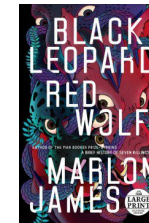
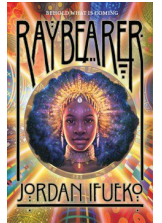
by C. L. Polk

Miles finds he cannot hide what he truly is, despite faking his own death and reinventing himself as a doctor at a veteran's hospital.

## RAYBEARER

by Jordan Ifueko

Raised in isolation, Tarisai yearns for the closeness she could have as one of the Crown Prince's Council of 11, but her mother, The Lady, has magically compelled Tarisai to kill the Crown Prince.



## BLACK LEOPARD, RED WOLF

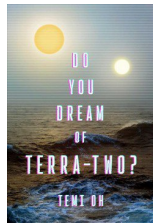
by Marlon James

Hired to find a mysterious boy who disappeared three years before, Tracker joins a search party that is quickly targeted deadly creatures.

## DO YOU DREAM OF TERRA-TWO?

by Temi Oh

When an Earth-like planet is discovered, a team of six teens, along with three veteran astronauts, embark on a twenty-year trip to set up a planet for human colonization--but find that space is more deadly than they imagined.



## A PHOENIX FIRST MUST BURN : SIXTEEN STORIES OF BLACK GIRL MAGIC, RESISTANCE, AND HOPE

by Patrice Caldwell

Black girls, including gender non-conforming individuals, star in this collection of sixteen stories of fantasy, science fiction, and magic.